

**REMARKS**

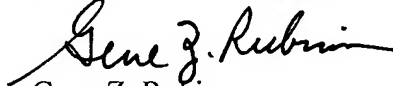
Claims 3, 8, 12, and 14 through 17 remain pending. In response to the non-final Office Action dated June 2, 2006, claims 1, 2, 4 through 7, 9 through 11, 13 and 18 have been cancelled and claims 3, 8, 12, and 14 through 17 have been amended. Care has been taken to avoid adding new matter.

The present amendment cancels all rejected claims. Claims 3, 8, 12, and 14 through 17, which stand solely under objection for their dependencies from rejected parent claims, have been rewritten in appropriate independent form.

Accordingly, allowance of the application is respectfully solicited. To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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